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sufficient funds will always be available, not only for ordinary purposes, but also for any emergencies that may arise.

The health of the city has been good during the past week; no contagious diseases have been officially reported, although the sanitary condition remains the same.

Mortuary statistics will be submitted with my next report.

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Reports from Guayaquil—Yellow fever—Mortality for November, 1904—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gruver reports, December 2 and 9, as follows:

Week ended November 30, 1904. Present officially estimated population, 60,000. Mortality from all causes, 48, as follows: Yellow fever, 1; pernicious fever, 5; fever (without classification), 5; grippe, 3; enteric diseases, 11; tuberculosis, 7; from all other causes, 16.

During the month ended November 30, 1904, there were 189 deaths, of which 3 were from yellow fever and 24 from tuberculosis. For the same period last year there were 212 deaths, of which 1 was from yellow fever and 30 were from tuberculosis.

During the week ended November 30, there were 3 vessels fumigated, 17 passengers and 33 pieces of baggage inspected; 3 immune certificates and 5 bills of health issued, as follows: November 28, steamship *Chile*, from Chilean and Peruvian ports, cleared for Ancon, Canal Zone, with 8 cabin and 4 steerage passengers from Guayaquil. Three cabin and 1 steerage passengers for Guayaquil were put in quarantine. November 30, steamship *Anubis*, from Hamburg via South American ports, cleared for San Francisco; brought 1 passenger; quarantined; no passengers from here. Same date, steamship *Neko*, from Hamburg via South American ports cleared for San Francisco; no passengers; took 5 steerage passengers. These 3 vessels were fumigated. On the same date the steamship *Ecuador* cleared for Panama and Ancon, Canal Zone, taking a bill of health for each place; crew, 58; passengers, 19; all told, 77.

Yellow-fever cases brought from vicinity of Puerto Bolivar, port of call for vessels bound to Panama—Yellow-fever case on steamship Limari, at Puna, from Panama—Improvement in quarantine methods—Smallpox at Santa Elena, coast town—Plague in Peru.

Week ended December 7, 1904. Mortality from all causes, 56, as follows: Yellow fever, 2; paludic fever, 1; pernicious fever, 1; fever (without classification), 4; smallpox, 3; grippe, 3; enteric diseases, 7; tuberculosis, 9; from all other causes, 26.

On December 4 the steamship *Tucapel* cleared for Ancon, Canal Zone, with 6 cabin and 13 steerage passengers from this port. Thirteen cabin and 1 steerage passengers from ports south were placed in quarantine to complete the required time from ports of last exposure. This vessel was fumigated with sulphur. Nineteen passengers and 78 pieces of baggage were inspected; 1 immune certificate and 1 bill of health were issued.